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URAN PLANT IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that 500 MW Uran Plant in Maharashtra is lying idle for want of fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have decided to start the Uran Plant;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. During the period April-November, 2002 the electricity generation at Uran gas station in Maharashtra was 2549 MUs against the target of 2456 MU. However, the average gas supplied during the period April-November, 2002 has been 2.475 MMSCMD (Metric Million Standard Cubic Meters Per Day) against contracted quantity of 3.50 MMSCMD because of lower availability of gas from ONGC ex-Uran. According to Gas Authority of India Limited, gas availability has reduced considerably in the past to the present level of around 9.0 MMSCMD against an existing demand of over 15 MMSCMD.

(c) : The power station is already in operation.

(d) & (e) : Do not arise in view of reply to part (c).